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APPLICANT: S. Hinuma et al.

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Applicants respond as follows to the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action dated June 28, 1999.

Applicants hereby elect Group III which presently includes claims 5-9, without traverse. Applicants also hereby elect the species corresponding to the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 56, without traverse. The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any